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## UNDER PRESSURE?

### Understanding Your Home Water Pressure Regulator

Water pressure regulators are an important part of your home plumbing system. Pressure regulators are designed to adjust water pressure to the appropriate level for private plumbing. In some cases, lowering pressure can save water, help prevent leaks, and extend the life of your plumbing. Therefore, being aware of how water pressure regulators work and how to maintain them is important.



*Pressure regulators are designed to adjust water pressure to the appropriate level for private plumbing.*

#### What kind and size of water pressure regulator do I need?

- Consult with a certified, licensed plumber for proper sizing to fit the needs of your plumbing system and the water pressure to your property. In addition, local plumbing and hardware stores have a variety of pressure regulators and can show you options.

#### Do I have a pressure regulator? Where is it located?

- If a pressure regulator is already installed on your property, it is likely located near the service line and after the main shut-off valve.

#### Does my water pressure regulator need maintenance?

- It is good practice to test the water pressure, flush the regulator, and test pressure again at least once a year. The life expectancy of a water pressure regulator is advertised as between 10 and 15 years. However, most manufacturers and plumbing professionals recommend replacing the valve every 5 years.

#### What should the water pressure on my property be?

- It's recommended that water pressure levels be maintained between 40 and 80 psi.
- Like all plumbing fixtures and valves, water pressure regulators can clog and may fail. If you notice water hammering of any type or inconsistencies in the water pressure, have your water pressure regulator checked by contacting a qualified plumber. You can also use a gauge to test if the water pressure is still consistent with the original set point.
- If there is consistent low water pressure, you may want to consider installing a pressure booster pump. Pressure regulators only reduce pressure to a set value; they do not increase pressure.

If you have had your regulator checked by a plumber, but are still experiencing issues with your water pressure, call Water Resources at (805) 564-5413.

## POPULAR HARBOR NAUTICAL SWAP MEET TAKES PLACE IN MAY!



*Find a treasure or sell your nautical gear at the Harbor Nautical Swap Meet*

On Saturday, May 12, the 9th Annual Harbor Nautical Swap Meet will attract hundreds of treasure hunters to the Main Harbor Parking Lot from 8 a.m. to noon. Dozens of vendors will display and sell boat rigging, surfboards, fishing gear, inflatable boats, pumps, winches, boat motors, and other marine/nautical items. Spend the morning looking for new gear while enjoying free coffee, fruit, and other refreshments care of the Harbor Merchants Association. Admission is free.

To sign up as a vendor (\$10 per spot), contact Harbor Operations at (805) 564-5531 or visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SwapMeet](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SwapMeet). Vendor applications are available online or at the Harbor master's office beginning Monday, April 9.

## SCHEDULE PICKUP OF ITEMS WITH MARBORG



Call MarBorg to properly dispose of large or bulky items.

MarBorg offers scheduled pickup of large or bulky items for disposal. "Large items" may include things like furniture, mattresses, electronics, branches, clothing, or tires. Each single-family home with an active trash and recycling account can schedule two large item pickups per year. Each scheduled pickup can include multiple large items. For multi-unit buildings, only the landlord or property manager may schedule the two large item pickups.

In addition to large item pickups, Santa Barbara residents are entitled to unlimited collection of major appliances, also known as "white goods." These include items such as stove top ranges, refrigerators, washers and dryers, small air conditioning units, and water heater tanks.

Construction and demolition debris is not included in these pickups. This type of debris includes brick, concrete, and dimensional lumber from a remodel, repair, demolition, or new construction.

Any items placed curbside without a scheduled pickup can be considered illegal dumping and residents may risk incurring fines. Residents can also call MarBorg to report any illegally dumped items spotted on City streets. For more information or to schedule a pickup, call MarBorg at (805) 963-1852.

## E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

**Friday and Saturday**  
**May 4 - 5**  
**8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**\*\*New Location\*\***  
**Earl Warren Showgrounds**  
(Calle Real Entrance)

Boasting more than 150 tons of electronics collected annually, the City's biannual e-waste drop-off event is one of the largest in California. We encourage all area residents and businesses to join us and properly dispose of their e-waste for free.

What qualifies for e-waste collection? The rule of thumb is that if it runs on batteries or a power cord, we can take it off your hands.

### Most common items:

- Computers and laptops
- Components and accessories (CPU, monitor, keyboard, mice, cables external hard drives, etc.)
- Printers
- Plugs and cords
- TVs of any kind (CRT, Plasma, LCD, etc.)
- VCRs and DVD players
- Stereos and accessories (speakers, cables)
- Phones (mobile phones with batteries removed, landline phones)

No large appliances, refrigerators, ovens, fluorescent bulbs, printer cartridges, smoke detectors, batteries, or media (VHS tapes, CDs, DVDs, etc.)

For more information visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/EWaste](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/EWaste).



**Last Call!**  
**FreeSprinklerNozzles.com**  
**ends June 30, 2018**



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## Book Clubs @ Central Library



**History, young adult, crime fiction  
and more! The library has a book  
club for every interest.**

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**<http://bit.ly/SBPLbookclub>**

